

# EASTER

April 24, 2011



10 AM Festival Worship



*From the fullness of his GRACE we have all received one blessing after another.  
John 1:16*

# Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

**CHOIR** 1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong  
**CONG.** 2 It was a strange and dread - ful  
**CHOIR** 3 Here the true Pas - chal Lamb we  
**CONG.** 4 So let us keep the fes - ti -

bands For our of - fens - es giv -  
 strife When life and death con - tend -  
 see, Whom God so free - ly gave  
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en; But now at God's right hand he  
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 us; He died on the ac - curs - ed  
 us; Christ is him - self the joy of

stands And brings us life from heav -  
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 all, The sun that warms and lights

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 ed. Ho - ly Scrip - ture plain - ly says  
 us. See, his blood now marks our door;  
 us. Now his grace to us im - parts

And sing to God right thank - ful -  
 That death is swal - lowed up by  
 Faith points to it; death pass - es  
 E - ter - nal sun - shine to our

ly Loud songs of al - le - lu -  
 death; Its sting is lost for - ev -  
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 hearts; The night of sin is end -

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 tr. Richard Massie, 1800-1887, alt.*

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*After subdued worship during the season of Lent, which focused on our Savior's suffering and death, our Easter morning worship is full of "Alleluia's" once again. "Alleluia" or "Hallelujah" means "Praise the Lord!"*

## **PRESERVICE MUSIC**

**Come Let Us Sing**    *by David Paxton*

**Easter Morning Medley**    *by Melody Bober*

**Christ the Lord is Risen Today!**    *by Lani Smith*  
*Duet: Piano, Teri Guenther    Organ, Beth Kassulke*

## **WELCOME**

## **HYMN**

**Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands**

*Christian Worship Supplement #720 with Grace Brass Ensemble*  
*Choir stanzas 1,3    Congregation stanzas 2,4*

*Stand*

## **EASTER LITANY AND CONFESSION**

Minster:    Christ is risen!

**Cong:        He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

M:    Christ is alive and victorious over death!

**C:    Alleluia to our living Lord!**

M:    Christ has won the battle over evil and has reunited us with God.

**C:    Alleluia to our saving Lord!**

M:    Christ is present with us and proclaiming peace and joy.

**C:    Alleluia to our loving Lord!**

M:    Christ is in power forever, and ruling now in glory and grace.

**C:    Alleluia to our reigning Lord!**

**ALL: AMEN!**

M:    We are reminded of the need for our victorious Savior as we confess our sins:

**All:    Dearest Jesus, we humbly bow before you today confessing our many sins of thought, words and actions. We have not and do not always live as your people. Forgive us as we place whole-hearted trust in your death on the cross and in your glorious resurrection victory.**

M:    Having confessed our sins and professed our trust in Christ, we can be sure of God's forgiveness. It is with great joy that I can announce that you are indeed a forgiven child of God, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In view of God's love and mercy, go and live as a child of the resurrection.

**C:    Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON: Jonah 2:2-9**

“In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. From the depths of the grave I called for help, and you listened to my cry. You hurled me into the deep, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me. I said, ‘I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.’ The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you brought my life up from the pit, O LORD my God. “When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, LORD, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple. “Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs. But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. Salvation comes from the LORD.”

**HYMN**

**This Joyful Eastertide**  
*Christian Worship #160*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON: Colossians 3:1-4**

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

**VERSE OF THE DAY** Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia. (Psalm 118:24)

**WORSHIP CHOIR**

**Hallelujah! Now Be Joyful**

*Stand*

### **EASTER GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10**

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

*Be seated*

### **HYMN**

**O Sons and Daughters of the King**  
*Christian Worship #165 st. 1-3*

### **SERMON**

**Matthew 28:1-10**

### **THE MIRACLE OF EASTER**

*Stand*

### **EASTER CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*Martin Luther's Explanation to the 2nd Article of the Apostle's Creed*

**I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death. All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.**

*Be seated*

## **WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO THE RISEN LORD**

*Members of Grace respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest today, please know that we do not expect you to contribute to our congregation's work. However, if you would like to give an offering to the Lord in response to his love to you, we are happy to receive it and put it to work in God's kingdom.*

***Please include your name and information in the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the pew and pass along. We appreciate having you worship with us on Easter morning. Thank you!***

## **OFFERTORY**

**The Regal Trumpet**  
by David Paxton

*Stand*

## **EASTER PRAYER**

M: Heavenly Father, God of grace, you have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

**C: Christ is risen!**

M: For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive.

**C: He is risen indeed!**

M: He was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification.

**C: Alleluia!**

M: We marvel at the love you showed by your willingness to sacrifice your Son to pay for our sins; we bow down in adoration at your mighty power, which raised him from the dead.

**C: We praise you for sending the true Life and Light into the world.**

M: Lord Jesus, God of grace, you have filled our hearts with resurrection joy by your victory over sin, death, and the grave.

**C: You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.**

M: With the Church of every age, we offer you unending praise, for you have crushed Satan's head and have removed our guilt.

**C: You are risen!**

M: Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew in us the joy of our salvation.

**C: Alleluia!**

M: Holy Spirit, God of grace, you have called us by the gospel and brought us to saving faith in our risen Lord.

**C: We glorify you for opening our eyes to see the light of life.**

M: Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

C: **He is risen!**

M: As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ.

C: **He is risen indeed!**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent Prayer.*

M: Work through us as we proclaim the saving message of the crucified and risen Jesus near and far, so that many others may hear your call, obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, and join us before the throne of God and of the Lamb.

C: **Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia! Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

M: May the news of Christ's resurrection fill you with joy and hope until the day of your resurrection to eternal life.

C: **Amen!**

*Be seated*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

**I Know That My Redeemer Lives**

*Christian Worship #152 st. 1-2, 5, 7-8*

*Trumpets: Tyler Koehler, Pastor Nathan Kassulke, Pastor Ron Koehler*

## **POSTLUDE**

**A Joyous Acclamation**

*by Gerald Peterson*

*We wish you a blessed Easter Day! If you do not currently have a church home, we invite you to join us for worship each week throughout the year. We are happy to answer any questions you may have about our church and invite you to speak with one of the pastors if you have an interest in becoming a member of Grace.*

*Those Assisting in Easter Worship*

<i>Worship Leader</i>		<i>Pastor Sam Clemons</i>
<i>Preacher</i>		<i>Pastor Ronald Koehler</i>
<i>Organist</i>		<i>Teri Guenther</i>
<i>Worship Choir Director</i>		<i>Beth Kassulke</i>
<i>Grace Brass Ensemble:</i>	<i>Director</i>	<i>Marissa Wiechmann</i>
	<i>Timpani</i>	<i>Danny Koehler</i>
	<i>French Horn</i>	<i>Cora Kosanke</i>
	<i>Baritone</i>	<i>Eileen Rayman</i>
	<i>Trombone</i>	<i>John Rayman</i>
	<i>Trumpets</i>	<i>Nathan Kassulke</i>
		<i>Ronald Koehler</i>
		<i>Dylan Guenther</i>
		<i>Tyler Koehler</i>
<i>Ushers</i>		<i>Joe Dyjak</i>
		<i>Nathanael Dyjak</i>
		<i>Rick Street</i>
<i>Sound and Recording Tech</i>		<i>Jeff Weinstein</i>

**Grace Vail News!**

We have received news that our planned mission work in Vail is one of the four new WELS home missions receiving funding in the coming fiscal year (three in the U.S. and one in Canada)! Please say a prayer of thanks to the Lord for the wonderful partnership we enjoy in our Wisconsin Synod and a prayer that the Lord of the Church would bless our mission efforts. We will receive \$35,000 from the WELS for each of the next three years to aid in our work. The next step is, God-willing, to receive a graduate from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary to serve at Grace as our pastor in Vail. Call Day at the Seminary is May 19, 2011.

**Quarterly Offering Statements Available**

Those who use the offering envelopes for their giving to the Lord will find a quarterly offering statement envelope with their name on it on the table in the courtyard. Please pick yours up today. *We would ask that you not pick up anyone's envelope but your own.* Our computer software makes it very easy to generate these statements for you on a quarterly basis. We hope you'll appreciate the opportunity to check for any recording errors we may have made and perhaps use it to review your gifts of love to your Savior.





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### ***To Aid You in Worship...***

- LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX. ASK A GREETER OR USHER FOR A COPY.
- *For those with young children:* A private Mother's Room is located across the courtyard in the Ladies' Restroom. Parents of young children may also use the Child Care Room in the basement at any time to quiet and care for them (the service can be heard in both locations).
- Sermon copies & service CDs are available in the narthex.

# **Welcome to Grace!**

**WE WELCOME** all who are visiting with us on this joyful Easter morning! Please join us again. We look forward to sharing the joy of our Risen Savior with you throughout the year! If you do not have a church home, we would love to have you worship with us regularly. If you are interested in membership at Grace, please speak to one of the pastors today or at any time.

**Our mission at Grace** is to teach the inspired and inerrant Word of God, to proclaim that Jesus Christ is the crucified and risen Savior of the world and to nurture believers for lives of Christian service.

God has blessed us with wonderful people, a magnificent facility, a fantastic location and, most importantly, many opportunities for worship, Bible study, events and groups. The gospel is at the heart of all we do here at Grace! Feel free to ask the pastors or any of the members any questions you may have about our church. For more information about our congregation there are **Guest Packets** available at both exits of the sanctuary or in the Fellowship Hall for you to take today. **Visit Grace online at [www. GraceTucsonWELS.com](http://www.GraceTucsonWELS.com)!**

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### ***Read Ahead for Next Sunday:***

Acts 10:34a, 36, 39-43  
1 Peter 1:3-9  
John 20:19-31

### ***Next Sun. Sermon Text & Theme:***

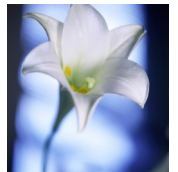
1 Peter 1:3-9  
*Rejoice in Your Living Hope*

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**Altar flowers** have been given by LaVerne Hawkins in memory of her Christian parents, Mr. & Mrs. Herman Oberfeld.

### **Easter Lilies**

The lilies beautifying our worship space have been given by the individuals below:



Sean & Mary Brearcliffe—In thanks for their son and his upcoming first Communion.

Nancy Buehler—In thanks for another Easter.

Dorothy Crull (Mom) & Family—In celebration of Tina Christianson's birthday.

Joe & Debbie Dyjak—In honor of those who have served or are currently serving in the US Armed Forces and in thankfulness to God for Christian parents, Charlotte Dyjak and Warren & Jean Lorenzen.

Robert Eck—In loving memory of wife, Betty, and daughter, Debbie.

Greg & Karen Grorud—In loving memory of August & Dorothy Lehet and Al, Joan, & Allan Grorud.

Maria Hale—In thanksgiving to God for taking care of her.

Eric & Erika Hanson—In thanks to God for their Christian families.

Dorothy Kaiser—In memory of her parents, Fred & Margaret Bonn.

Ferdie & Diane Kramm—In honor of Diane's "baby" sister, Brenda, who passed away in October.

Gerhard Wachsmann—In memory of his parents, Michael & Sara Wachsmann, and the many blessings during all their years.

Ron, Debbie & Family—In thanks to God for many blessings.

Jeff & Jody Kosanke—In memory of their parents, Harold & Lucy Jo Kosanke and Earl & Bonnie Stone.

Mike & Lisa Lenius—In memory of Peter & Doris Rohlf.

Amy Morris & Alicia Shanklin—In thanksgiving to God for her parents (nana & papa), Grandma, and Alicia's mom.

Brian, Linda Morris & Family—In memory of Lawrence Hess.

Bob & Nadine Rentschler—In memory of Myron & Esther Nelson.

A.J. Richter & Elizabeth Grey—In memory of their parents.

Audrey Street—In loving memory of Richard Street.

Teresa & Coltin Travis—In memory of Richard Street and God's many blessings.

Shirley & Tony Zanotti—In memory of all the family members who have passed.

### Today EASTER

- Sunrise Worship (in the Courtyard) ..... 7:00a
- Easter Breakfast (in the Fellowship Hall) ..... 8:00a
- Easter Concert (in the Church)..... 9:00a
- Festival Worship (in the Church).....10:00a

**There is NO Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, or TCM Bible study today.**

### Monday

- English as a Second Language Classes .....6:30p

### Tuesday

- NO** Worship Choir .....
- Council Meeting.....6:15p
- English as a Second Language Classes .....6:30p

### Wednesday

- NO** Midweek Bible Classes .....
- NO** Wind Ensemble.....

### Thursday

- NO** Women's Bible Class .....

### Saturday

- Grace Work Day** .....7:00a
- Christian Fellowship Potluck (in Fellowship Hall)..... 12:00p

### Sunday CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

- Worship Services/Communion.....7:45 & 10:00a
- Children's Sunday School .....8:45a
- Youth Confirmation Class .....8:45a
- Adult Bible Class:
  - *The Life of Christ*.....9:00a
- Lifeliners (High School Group): Bible Study .....9:00a
- Coffee Fellowship Following 10 AM Worship.....
- WELS Tucson Campus Ministry: "*Faith & Reason*" ..... 7:00p

**ALA Golf Tournament is this Saturday, April 30. See courtyard display for more information.**

### **Work Day**

Grace will be having a Work Day this Saturday, April 30 starting at 7:00 AM. Work will focus on the awning and rain gutters in the courtyard. There are also a few other projects we hope to tackle as well. Tools will be supplied, just bring your own gloves. Questions? Call Dave Breitzkreitz at 298-9758.

### **Christian Fellowship Group Potluck**

Please join your Christian friends for fellowship and a meal this Saturday, April 30, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to pass. Hope to see you there! *The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and older with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis.*

### **Youth Confirmation**

This year's Youth Confirmation is next Sunday, May 1. Seven eighth grade boys (Quinton Anzalone, Will Brearcliffe, Darin Colton, Jacob Hansen, Danny Koehler, Christian Watson, Josiah Weinstein) will be confirmed in the 10:00 AM worship service. Please be prepared as we anticipate that the church will be quite full that morning. All are invited to congratulate the confirmands with a cake reception following the service.

You are also invited to a Confirmation Open House for Danny Koehler. The Open House is Sunday, May 1, 2:00-6:00 PM. Address: 2664 W Lazybrook Dr, Phone: 293-5617.

### **Vacation Bible School**

VBS blasts off at Grace June 6-10. Make plans now to join us at "Space Station Salvation." Children age 3 through eighth grade are invited to this special week of songs, games, crafts, snacks, and most importantly, the good news about our Savior, Jesus! Contact our VBS coordinator Cynthia Breitzkreitz (298-9758) if you would like to help.

### **Free Organ**

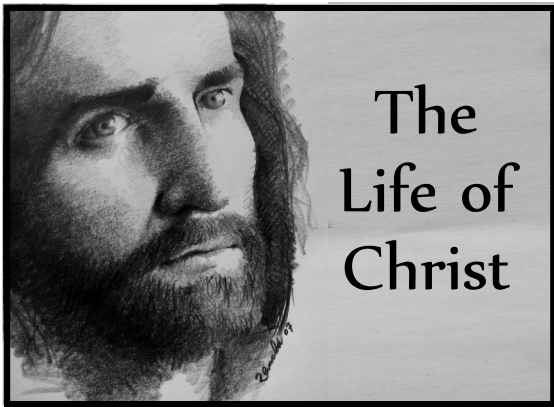
Ann Neff and her husband have an upright Conn organ they'd like to donate. If you are interested please contact Ann at 327-6437.

### **Interested in travelling to Greece and Rome?**

Please speak to one of the pastors if you have an interest in travelling in the Footsteps of the Apostle Paul with them next May-June.

### **Women of Grace Save the Date!**

The Grace Women's Night Out will be on Monday, May 23. Details to follow after Easter.



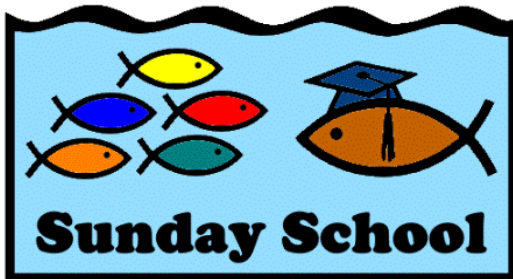
Last Sunday 110 adults joined in our Bible study and discussion of *The Life of Christ*. We're making room for you too. You are invited to join Pastor Koehler on Sundays between the services from 9:00-9:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We're really just getting started on this study, so please jump in!

If Bible Study is new for you, don't worry. You won't be asked to read or answer any questions unless you volunteer.

High School students join for Bible Study on Sundays from 9:00-9:45 AM also. They meet in the church basement and are led by Jake Kassulke. They study topics relevant to their lives and also plan service projects and fun events. Guests and friends are absolutely welcome!

## LIFELINERS

### High School Youth Group

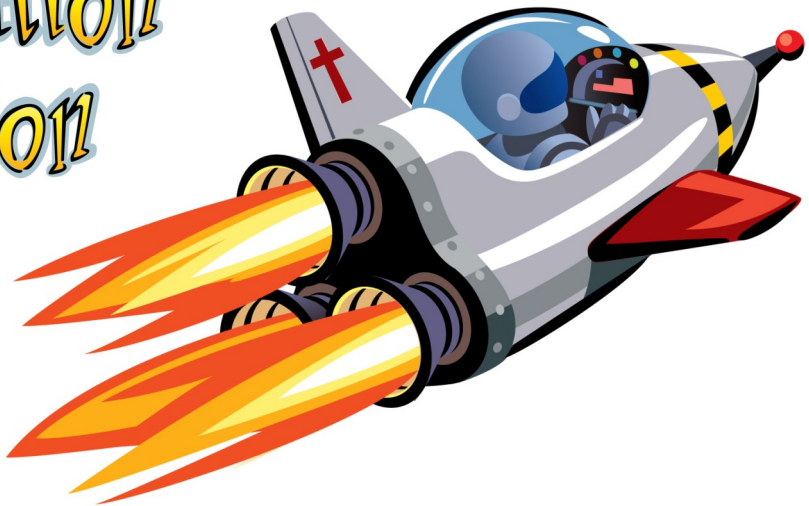


Grace has excellent Sunday School teachers and a safe environment for children Pre-K through 6th grade. They meet in the Education Building to the South of the Courtyard on Sunday mornings from 8:45-9:45 AM. Devotion, singing, and Bible lessons geared for each grade level are provided each week. Every child ought to have this blessing!

Last Sunday the number of adults, teens, and children in Bible Study numbered 163.  
Maybe you and your kids should give this a try too!

## Blast Off on a Vacation Bible School Adventure!

# Space Station Salvation



**June 6-10 • 9 AM - 11:30 AM • Age 3 - Grade 8**  
**Visit [www.GraceTucsonWELS.com](http://www.GraceTucsonWELS.com) for more information.**

